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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the proposal as offered by the Rules Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We are on discussion of amendment four. Senator Vrtiska. I don't see Senator Vrtiska. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I've been sitting here, listening to all the learned debate, and someone made a comment that juggled a little bit of my memory. You know, there was a time in Nebraska when people planted some cotton, and they found that that was not a crop that did well in Nebraska. And there was a time, for a number of years, when tobacco was planted in certain areas of the state. And they found that that was not a crop that did well in the state of Nebraska. In more recent memories the scam artist promoting Jerusalem artichokes road across the face of Nebraska, with steak suppers, trying to convince the washed and unwashed that there was a miracle there, and that did not produce. Someone made a motion that...or made mention that at one point in time the committee Chairs sat as a Reference Committee. There has to be a reason that the change was made by some prior rules debate to assign that task to the Exec Board sitting as the Reference Committee to reference. There has to be, I haven't researched that, but there has to be a reason why that crop produced nothing but bitter fruit. I really don't think we need to go back and relive what history has said didn't work very well. We have a system with some individual exceptions. And by the way, Senator Brashear, I do take some personal umbrage in your allegations that you were denied entry into any Exec Board session. The Reference Committee meetings are announced on the floor, they are totally open, any person, as Senator Wesely would indicate happened just, what, yesterday, came and made a request. That opportunity is there for every member of the body, as it is for every Exec Board session, except for those that are closed by motion for discussion of personnel. So I do take some exception to the insinuations that we run a closed shop; we do not. Agreements between Chairs have no value, in my mind, if those agreements violate the subject matter